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TOURNAMENT TO CLOSE SATURDAY

Champion Team Will Be Declared In Final Here

Survivors of the preliminary and quarter-final matches of the county basketball tournament, the first half of which was played in Alvord last Saturday, will meet to determine the championship at the same places on Saturday of this week.

The scores in the preliminary games show the schools of the county to be unusually well matched. The tournament so far has been featured by close scoring and narrow margin victories, with the exception of two games. Bridgeport scored at will to defeat Blewett, a small rural school, by a score of 43-9 while Boyd took a fast game from Alvord 24-13. Rhome and Park Springs opened the tournament with a fast game, ending in a close win for Rhome 21-19. Paradise rallied late to come within two points of tying Newark's 26 points. Chico took Greenwood by a score of 35-21 and went into the quarter finals where they lost a close one to Slidell 30-25.

The Boyd-Rhyme game found the two county favorites matched and the result was one of the most thrilling games of the tournament. Crippled by injuries and illness, the small Rhyme team waged a gallant uphill fight against the tall aggregation of huskies from Boyd, losing by a score of 27-21. The Boyd team, averaging over six feet in height, seems to be very much in the running for the county honors.

Final games will begin at 2 p. m. Saturday afternoon when the Boyd-Newark, Slidell-Bridgeport games will decide the finalists. The winners will play at 9 o'clock, after a consolation game between the losers for third place. Additional feature of interest to fans will be a free-throw contest between the two afternoon games. Gold medals will be given the winners. After the final game Saturday night, trophies will be presented to first, second and third place winners. At the same time the all-county honor team, chosen by a committee of coaches, will be presented to the fans and rewarded with gold basketballs for their outstanding performances.

France, when Uncle Sam was doing his best in assisting in smashing the Hindenburg line. Sampson was a member of a machine-gun detachment, and with McGraw, had his ups and downs in the trenches and shell holes. Hughes was an officer in the infantry, and a splendid one, stated the Decatur attorney. When asked about his personal experience, and what he did as a soldier in the hot campaigns in France, when the supreme effort was being made to "do or die" in beating back the German armies, Sampson refused to go into details, with the statement, "I tried to give my best, and we had plenty of trouble." From another source, Messenger has learned that Sampson did his part, fighting thru some of the bloodiest conflicts of the great war. He showed his "stuff", giving all credit to his buddy, when he stated, "that Bill McGraw was a fighter; we were in the same gun nest, and we took time about in operating our machine gun." Sampson received his baptism of fire at the second battle of the Marne, when he was wounded in the hand by a bayonet, in a hand-to-hand fight with a German soldier. He fought in the Meuse-Argonne, St. Meheil, Champaign Metz engagements.

Political reports from out in California bring the news that a former Decatur citizen may enter the congressional race in the Santa Barbara district. George W. Lynn is the man mentioned to carry the democratic banner, and here and now the Messenger is ready to second his nomination—and further, the Messenger will guarantee a genuine, 18k democratic stewardship for Lynn. He is now editor of one of the best daily publications in the Golden West; he has been thoroughly trained in the Gibbs McAdoo school of democracy, and he is a patriot of the right calibre. Messenger knows George Lynn; in years past he was a member of the pioneer paper's newspaper-making force. Going west, he developed into one of the best editors in California, and today George is an outstanding figure in big affairs in that section. Here's to you, Lynn.

LEADING CITIZEN FT. WORTH DIES

E. T. Renfro Passes In Dallas Suddenly In Hotel

E. T. Renfro, 63, former city councilman and operator of a chain of drug stores in Fort Worth for 28 years, died suddenly at the Baker hotel in Dallas at 2 p. m. Tuesday, while attending a Rexall convention.

Mr. Renfro was to have read the secretary's report to the convention at the afternoon session. He was seated with friends on the mezzanine floor of the hotel, shortly before time for him to appear on the program, when he complained of feeling ill and asked for a doctor. Friends called a physician and brought Mr. Renfro a cup of coffee.

As he sipped the coffee and waited for the doctor, he slumped in his chair. He was dead when the doctor arrived. Funeral services are pending. The body was brought to Fort Worth Tuesday night by Harveson & Cole. Frank F. Allen of Fort Worth, son-in-law of Mr. Renfro, hastened to Dallas when informed of his death. Mrs. Aileen, his daughter, remained with her mother at their home at 1200 Mistletoe drive. Mrs. Renfro, who had been ill herself, was prostrate with grief at news of her husband's sudden death.

Mr. Renfro served on the city council from the time the city manager form of government was inaugurated until last year. He was a director in the Continental National bank and the United Drug company of Boston. He was a member of the Fort Worth Masonic Lodge 148, Fort Worth Elks Lodge, Fort Worth Club and Knights of Pythias.

Three years ago the Renfro Drug company celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary in Fort Worth. At that time, Mr. Renfro was the head of a chain of 34 stores located in nine Texas cities. At the time of his death, the chain had grown to 43 stores in 10 cities.

From his beginning in Ft. Worth in 1905, Mr. Renfro extended his business into El Paso, Brownwood, Austin, Hillsboro, Cleburne, Weatherford, Mineral Wells, Decatur and Wichita Falls.

In 1905, Mr. Renfro came to Fort Worth from Marlin and purchased what was then known as the Blanton drug store on Third and Main streets. Just to be different, he painted his store front an orange color—the orange that has come to be the sign of a Renfro store in 10 cities in Texas.

In the early days of his business, all drug stores were 85 per cent prescription stores and 15 per cent commercial pharmacies. It was he who introduced the amazing variety of merchandise into the drug stores of Texas.

Mr. Renfro is survived by his widow; his daughter, Mrs. Allen; a baby granddaughter, Inez Allen, and two brothers, J. F. and Arthur P. Renfro of Brownwood.

County Audit Wanted By County Citizens —GRAND JURY REPORT

Hon. J. E. Carter, District Judge:—It has come to the hearing and knowledge of the Grand Jury that there is a widespread desire among the citizens and tax payers of the county that a thorough audit of the financial records and accounts of the county be made by a disinterested, competent and expert public accountant for some five or six years back, and as it appears that there have been no published reports of the county's financial affairs for many years, and that the citizenship has no means of reaching a just and proper understanding of the condition of the county's business, we believe that in the interest of allaying much public misunderstanding and misinformation that has become current, and that all may know what the condition of the county's business is, that an audit of the county's financial records should be had, and we therefore recommend that the Commissioners' Court do order and have made such an audit as is here suggested.

This February 12th, 1934. R. L. HUNT, Foreman of the Grand Jury, District Court of Wise County, November Term, 1933.

Fred Custis and family of Post, visited Mrs. Minnie Hoyl this week.

YOUNG DEMO. MEETING CALLED

Two Thousand Expected At Fort Worth Meet Saturday

The first annual convention and organization meeting of the Young Democratic Clubs in north Texas, including approximately sixty counties in the most populous portion of Texas, will convene at Fort Worth, on Saturday, February 17, at 9 a. m. The Venetian ball-room at the Blackstone hotel in Fort Worth will be used as the convention hall. It is expected that at least two thousand delegates will attend.

At this meeting the officers of the Young Democratic Clubs of the northern district of Texas for the ensuing year will be elected. The offices to be filled include a president, four vice-presidents, a secretary and an executive advisory committee of three. The south Texas clubs were assembled in convention at Corpus Christi, recently, and the convention of the West Texas Young Democratic Clubs was held at Lubbock Saturday, Feb. 3. Following the Fort Worth meeting, the Young Democratic Clubs of Texas will be held in Dallas in May.

The Young Democratic Clubs are not in competition with or opposition to the regular democratic organization of Texas, but furnish a training school and means of expression to the younger element of democrats, and inject enthusiasm, life and stimulation to the older organization.

Delegates from each Young Democratic Club in the district are naturally expected. If there is no active club in the county, temporary organizations can and should be perfected before the district convention, so that they may send delegates, and if there is neither permanent nor temporary organizations, the loyal democrats of each county should see to it that they are properly represented in personnel and numbers.

This meeting is in the interest of the democratic party as a whole, and all candidates for state offices will be introduced. These clubs are interested in principles and policies, rather than individuals. The candidacy of no particular individual will be endorsed. The right of the individual members to espouse and support the cause of the candidates of their choice is not restricted by the fact that the clubs may not do so.

The chairman of the executive committee of the democratic party in Texas will be a principal speaker at the meeting. The day, from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m., will be given over to the organization and business meeting of the convention. A banquet and entertainment will be held in the evening. Matters of fundamental interest will be developed, and resolutions passed. All democrats, regardless of age, are urged to attend and to advise Raymond E. Buck, president of the Young Democratic Club of Tarrant county, or Benj. L. Bird, secretary, of their intention to do so.

Epidemic of Measles Cause School Closing

Fear that epidemics of measles and chicken-pox, which have been increasing their number of victims daily in the local schools would continue to spread, lead the school board, acting upon the advice of both County Health Officer Dr. Darwin and Mayor P. R. Baits, to close the Decatur public schools for one week, Feb. 12 to 16, inclusive.

It was felt that the contagion would continue until every child who had not already had such diseases would contract them. While such diseases are usually of a mild nature, a serious case may develop at any time and mean the loss of life. In view of this probability, a delay of one week in school activities seems inconsequential.

The regular routine of school work will be resumed in full Monday, February 19.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Carpenter and Sol Carpenter of Rhome, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Spain and daughter Tuesday.

Mrs. Walter Baggett and Mrs. Sam McSpadden were Fort Worth visitors Friday.

Mrs. R. J. Lindley visited her mother in Justin Thursday.

C. W. A. WORKERS FUND EXHAUSTED

Law-Makers Wrangle While Workers Go Unpaid

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The CWA is broke and unless Congress does something about it, 4,000,000 workers may not get their pay envelopes Saturday.

The senate and house are deadlocked over details of the bill that would provide the payroll money—and more. It is the \$950,000,000 CWA relief bill.

Two things may happen if the bill is not enacted quickly:

1. The 4,000,000 CWA employees may spend the week-end without their pay.

2. They may find themselves out of jobs, technically at least. There is a third alternative, though CWA officials decline to discuss it. The CWA may try to borrow money from some other government fund to meet the payroll.

The chief hope of the CWA, however, is that the senate and house may work out an agreement which will speed passage of the bill before Saturday.

Harry L. Hopkins, CWA administrator and director of this major relief activity, believes the British system of unemployment insurance is far better than the American relief methods.

"I think England has met the series of unemployment crises in that country with less commotion and more satisfactorily than we have," Hopkins said Wednesday in an interview.

"I feel that unemployment insurance, plus some schedule of work support insurance, is much better than relief. It would be hard to start this now, but we should look forward in the future to some plan built up by owners of business and on which the men can count when forcibly out of work."

"I doubt that any form of unemployment insurance could meet any such depression as this one, but it could act as a cushion. I don't believe any insurance plan could have met it. It would take too much invested capital. But such a plan is dignified, and helps keep up morale."

Matters of work, joblessness and security against helplessness in old age were occupying considerable capital attention Wednesday. Secretary Frances Perkins of the labor department was to confer with representatives of 43 state governors on labor legislation.

Honored Citizen Dies At Boyd Saturday

U. S. Absher, for fifty years a resident of the south end of Wise county, and one of the county's best known and best loved citizens, died at his home in Boyd, last Saturday, Feb. 10, after an illness of several months. Funeral services were conducted at the Boyd Methodist church by Rev. W. W. Nesmith assisted by the pastors of the local Baptist and Methodist churches.

Mr. Absher had spent his life in the gin business, last season being the first he has missed since he was a small boy.

He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Ruth McCluney; four sons, Carl Absher, Fort Worth, T. L. Absher, Lone Wolf, Okla.; B. E. Absher, Hobart, Okla., and D. L. Absher of Hurst, Texas; six grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his going.

M.E. Missionary Society Holds Interesting Meet

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Rollins Taylor, with Mrs. T. J. Elder as joint hostess.

The Bible study, based on Romans chapters 12 to 15, was conducted by Mrs. Chas. Workman in such a manner as to draw out thoughtful discussion of the lesson.

Dainty refreshments were served to twenty-one ladies.

The society will meet next Monday, Feb. 19, at 3 o'clock in circles, with Mrs. Gordon Roberts, captain of circle No. 1, and Mrs. Olin Van Meter, captain of circle No. 2.

Miss Betty Ann Thedford is visiting her parents in Weatherford, this week.



TOMATO RAISERS HERE SATURDAY

In order to make a market nearer home, the suggestion has gone out that farmers of Bridgeport, Paradise and possibly other communities will cooperate with Decatur farmers in an effort to subscribe enough acreage to make a packing shed and market available at Decatur for tomatoes this season. About 125 acres will be required and it is hardly possible that any one community, other than Alvord, will list that amount this year. Such a plan is suggested for this year in order to afford a trial. If this year's effort proves successful, markets could be established at other towns next year.

Any interested farmers of the above named, in fact of any and all communities, are invited to learn the details at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce office, Decatur, next Saturday at 2 o'clock.

J. R. Elrod, of Alvord, who is heading the movement to grow a commercial tomato crop in Wise and Montague counties, will attend the meeting of farmers to be held in Decatur next Saturday afternoon, and will have a supply of seed the variety selected for growing for distribution to farmers.

A demonstration in hot bed and cold frame construction and management will be given following the meeting which will be held in the Chamber of Commerce office at 2 o'clock.

ATTENTION, OLIVER CREEK METHODISTS

Next Sunday is our regular day to be at Oliver Creek, and we sincerely hope to be there. We are hopeful of having two good services at both morning and evening hours. So please be present, and bring some one with you.

R. E. PARKER, Pastor.

Attend the basketball tournament.

Political Announcements

For State Senator: Grady Woodruff

For County Judge: F. Arnold Davenport L. D. Kirkpatrick

For Sheriff: W. M. Workman J. T. Faith D. L. (Dan) Buck

For County Attorney: W. K. Sampson

For Assessor-Collector: Mrs. Betty Duckworth Clyde Slimp

For County Clerk: W. V. Cunningham W. A. Maples

For County Treasurer: Roger Barfield J. Wash. DAVIS

For County Superintendent: G. L. (Roy) Patterson Mrs. Oma Cartwright

For District Clerk: Miss Fay Walker Miss Jennie Jo Barnett Homer I. Watkins

For Commissioner, Precinct 1-6: Jim Booth Henry Walker A. M. (Auz) Shaw Porter Key

For Justice of Peace; 1-6: W. H. Stroud

For Public Weigher Prec. 5: Kemp Slimp Boyce B. Stewart B. H. (Brawley) Oates Knox Hutchison

ANNOUNCEMENT! To the People of Decatur & Decatur Trade Territory!!

We are now open for business in the store building formerly occupied by Jim B. Thomas. In choosing Decatur for our home—we do so until after careful investigation of many places and feel that this is one the liveliest and most progressive towns in which we opportunity to live and engage in business.

We invite you to come in and get acquainted with us—we want to know and serve you. It shall be our aim and ambition from month to month to add to the stock—improve our service, and give the people of Decatur and trade territory a Dry Goods Store worthy of their patronage—and merchandise at a fair price.

KEITH DRY GOODS COMPANY, Decatur, Texas

QUESTION BOX

By Dr. Skygak

Note—All questions for this column by the reader should be addressed to Dr. Skygak, who pledges his sacred honor to give a correct answer to all questions submitted. Questions on how to make love to a winsome widow will be answered with as much enthusiasm as questions on how to keep a wife happy on two bits a week. All foolish questions are strictly barred by the NRA code.

Question: If a crow's caws have caused a rooster to crow, and the crow is of more caws than the cause, would you say then the crow was the cause of the crow, or was the crow the cause of the caws? Answer: Yes. Question: Yes, what? Answer: Yes man!

Question: What noted president never told a lie? Answer: None. Any report the questioner may have to the contrary is pure political propaganda and is put out to hamper the return of prosperity.

Gas Tax Enforcement Law Upheld By Court

Austin, Texas, Feb. 14.—Texas' new gas tax enforcement law, which has been recovering millions in hitherto stolen state revenues since its enactment last March, stood on firm ground today, its constitutionality upheld by the court of civil appeals in its first "test case."

Validity of the law was attacked January 1 by the Owl Oil & Refining Co., whose permit had been cancelled by Comptroller George H. Sheppard for alleged failure to comply with provisions of the statute.

The refinery countered by obtaining a temporary injunction in Travis county district court, restraining the comptroller and the attorney-general from enforcing permit or bond provisions of the law, as well as its criminal clauses. The state promptly appealed.

The court of civil appeals, in a sweeping opinion written by Chief Justice J. W. McClellon, upheld the law's constitutionality on all of the disputed points, set aside the order of the lower court and dissolved the injunction.

In upholding the permit and bond clauses of the law, Justice McClellon called them enforcement measures to help collect a tax "peculiarly subject to evasion and fraudulent defeat in its collection."

Criminal penalties for evasion, ranging from a minimum of \$100 fine to a maximum of two years imprisonment and \$5,000 fine, drew this comment from the court: "It can hardly be seriously argued that there is anything excessive, cruel or unusual in the prescribed penalties."

Valley View News

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Neighbors of Vernon, are visiting relatives and friends here.

We are sorry to report that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hattley burned week before last. The place was completely destroyed, and very few things were saved.

Mrs. Clyde Spain visited Mrs. Lowery Sunday evening.

We had a fine rain here last week, and farmers are very busy breaking land.

Misses Lois and Clea Barrow visited Miss Ethel Milsap Sunday.

On account of bad weather, we did not have Sunday school here last Sunday. Everyone come next Sunday and bring some one with you.

Miss Sarah Montford of Bridgeport, is visiting Mrs. Marion Watts this week.

We are glad to say that our school yard is rapidly being beautified.

Mrs. Bray and Mrs. King visited Mrs. Spain Monday afternoon.

Miss Olivia Johnson visited Leona Spain Monday evening.

There will be a pie supper and a contest for the prettiest girl and the ugliest boy here Friday night, February 23. Come and have a good time.

Misses Melda Faye Ramsey and Frances Reynolds and Bernice Baldwin visited their parents in Perrin during the week end.

J. E. Kendrick and S. B. Hardiman visited their wives in Glen Rose Sunday.

Home Economics In Decatur High School

The Home Economics Club has enrolled several new members and we are expecting to accomplish some good work in our club. At our last meeting, Feb. 6, we had a lesson on parliamentary proceeding. From now on we plan for our meetings to be carried on in a business-like way, and in order, thus showing that we are home economics girls and believe in doing things in the right way.

The foods 1-A class has been preparing foods for breakfast. A good, well balanced breakfast is essential in every home.

As you know, breakfast is probably the most important meal, because for 12 hours we have had nothing to eat. For this reason we should not eat too heavy foods. The foods we eat for breakfast are determined by our sex, our occupation, our state of health, the season, the age and the climate.

As foods for breakfast, this class has prepared hot chocolate, baked oranges, baked apples, French toast, egg a-la-goldenrod and meat-egg dishes. Of these, the class favorite is egg a-la-goldenrod. The recipe is as follows:

4 hard cooked eggs
1 cup milk
2 tb. flour
2 tb. butter
1/4 ts. salt; pepper.

Method: Melt butter in top of double boiler, add flour and mix well. Then add milk and cook till mixture thickens. Cut egg white into small pieces and add to sauce. Spread on toast. Top with sprinkle of egg yolk and serve at once.

The mysteries of cake baking are rapidly falling before the advance of the 11-A foods class. Good cake baking is essential for every hostess.

Accurate measurements, thorough mixing and even baking are the three keys which open the door to more perfect cake baking. We first get our utensils ready to use, even prepare the cake pans. Then carefully and accurately measure the ingredients, mix thoroughly and bake at temperature recommended by the recipe.

\$7,500 IN PRIZES OFFERED 4-H MEMBERS FOR FARM RECORD

4-H Club members in this county may participate in a nation-wide farm cost accounting contest, conducted by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, and sponsored by the International Harvester company, according to a notice just received by this newspaper.

The prizes, numbering several hundred, will range from a small Farmall tractor or a light motor truck or a \$500 merchandise certificate down to \$10.00 merchandise certificates. The national winner will receive prizes valued at \$835.00.

Contestants may use any record book that provides for an opening and closing inventory, money expended and received, costs of producing principal crops, etc., and a balance sheet. If such record books are not available through county agents, a simple one especially prepared for 4-H members may be obtained from the national committee on boys and girls club work, Chicago, Ill., for 20 cents, the actual cost of printing and mailing. The national committee is conducting the contest in cooperation with the state club leaders.

The books must be opened as of Jan. 1, Feb. 1 or March 1, and cover the 12 consecutive months following. Upon completion the books will be judged by the county agent to determine the county winner, who will receive a \$10 merchandise certificate from the International Harvester company. County winners also have a chance for the state prize which is choice of a 750-pound capacity cream separator or \$100.00 merchandise certificate. State winners will compete in a sectional contest in which the prize is choice of a complete double unit milker, or a \$225 merchandise certificate. The national winner has a choice of a Farmall 12 tractor, a half-ton motor truck, or \$500.00 merchandise certificate.

Records must be kept in the hand writing of the club member, but he is permitted and encouraged to make use of help from parents and leaders. Contestants will not be required to reveal the contents of their records at any time except through judges, who will keep them confidential.

By interesting parents in the con-

WELCOME, Mr. Keith

We are happy to welcome the Keith Dry Goods Company to Delightful Decatur, one of the best and most substantial towns in the great state of Texas. In this town and community you will contact people among the best in the wide world; a citizenship second to none... a boosting, patriotic people who believe in their town and county.

Rieger Dry Goods Co.
Perkins-Timberlake Co.

CAPITOL NEWS

By Congressman W. D. McFarlane

Airmail and Aircraft Purchase Investigation

Senator Black's investigating committee revealed how the different airmail contractors are reaping rich profits at government expense. Mr. Boeing, chairman of the United Aircraft and Transport, testified how his company ran a small investment into over \$50,000,000. Mr. McCracken, former assistant secretary of commerce, has been adjudged in contempt by the senate for destruction of airmail correspondence and is now being tried by the senate. The president on Saturday cancelled all airmail contracts because of collusion and fraud during the past two administrations in the granting and extension of these contracts.

Special investigating committees on naval and military affairs have been working all the week investigating expenditures on aircraft purchases. It has been shown where profits of 90 per cent have been made by companies on army contracts and as high as 65 per cent on navy contracts. One company capitalized at \$6,000,000, declared dividends during 1931 amounting to \$3,200,000. The writer is investigating the income tax returns of these companies and also is insisting upon complete investigation of all ship construction contracts. The ship building program calls for expenditures of over \$700,000,000. Aircraft construction for navy about \$100,000,000. Our hearings show four principal aircraft holding companies controlling aviation in all phases in the United States, to-wit: United Craft & Transport; the General Motors Controlled North American Aviation; the Cord Controlled Aviation Corporation, and the Pan-American Airways Corporation, all controlled by the large Wall Street banks. All subsidies in aircraft, airmail, ocean mail and ship construction contracts of all kinds should be speedily stopped.

Careful Auditing Needed
Our hearings have developed that government auditing of purchases are inadequate. No audit is provided for ship construction. The army and navy are allowed to audit only the books of the subsidiary companies, the holding companies have never been audited. Present laws provided no audit for ship construction program. Legislation will be immediately offered to correct this situation.

CWA Relief
Monday the house approved \$950,000,000 appropriation for CWA relief, with but one dissenting vote. The bill finally passed the senate on Thursday.

Cattle Basic Commodity and Crop Production Loan
On Monday the house also approved a bill making cattle a basic commodity and appropriated \$35,000,000 for crop production loan.

Departmental Appropriation Bill
Tuesday the house appropriated

test it is hoped to increase greatly the practice of keeping records, which in the readjustments now required of agriculture will prove a

inestimable aid.

CONOCO TRAVELERS TO JOURNEY TO MONTERREY

Guided by the rapid-fire descriptions of the "Old Traveler" and lulled by the music of special Spanish entertainers, radio fans throughout the nation will journey to Old Mexico Wednesday night, February 21, by means of Continental Oil Company's second 1934 travel broadcast over a network of 27 N. B. C. stations.

Wednesday night's trip, which begins in Fort Worth and ends in Monterrey, brings to the air the real life experiences of two adventuresome young couples who decided, on the spur of the moment, to take an automobile jaunt into the ancient land of palm trees, hot tamales and tangos. Beautiful and historic Texas scenes along the way are pictured. Mirth, romance, thrills and valuable facts have all been crammed into Conoco's new program.

Local listeners who wish to tune in may do so by dialing the nearest N. B. C. station at 9:30 central time.

\$84,000,000 for state, justice and labor department appropriations. The senate is still discussing all house appropriation bills in their committees.

Private Calendars
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday the house worked on private calendars. During this time, the senate was busily engaged in investigating airmail frauds and trying Mr. McCracken and others on contempt charges. On Feb. 9th, the senate finally passed the navy departmental bill. All other major appropriation bills are being considered in the senate committees.

Tax Revision Bill
The house ways and means committee have completed their \$300,000,000 tax revision bill which will be considered Wednesday the 14th. The community property law income tax revision depletion provisions and the excise tax on oil have been left intact.

Cotton Production Limitation
Bills have been introduced in the house and senate limiting the production of cotton. The writer has requested parties through the district, especially farm organizations, to express their opinions as to whether they favor the government's voluntary program or want legislation enacted making the production compulsory.



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Indians Beat NTAC In Thrilling Game

A last minute goal by Bill Blanton won a hard fought game for the Decatur College Indians Wednesday night over the N. T. A. Aggies, 49 to 48. The team played an extra five minutes as the score was deadlocked at the end of the regular session. The winning goal came in the last twenty seconds of play.

Bill Pratt and Joe Roach of the Indians led the scores of the evening, with 25 and 14 points, respectively, to their credit.

Ferguson Criticizes Lawmakers for Delay

James E. Ferguson, husband of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, took the legislature to task for what he termed its "prolonged discussion" of the unemployment relief program submitted by the governor to the special session. He accused the legislators of "intense partisanship."

He said it was evident the bill proposing issuance of additional relief bonds to supplement the \$5,500,000 already authorized would not be finished before the "last minute of the session," which will expire by constitutional limitation Feb. 27.

It was not likely additional legislative subjects would be submitted soon, he stated, because of the uncertain situation surrounding relief bills. He added he had been asked by legislators to open up 40 or 50 other subjects.

The prolonged discussion in the house in connection with the bond bill was likely to affect adversely

the sale of \$2,750,000 in securities of the first issue advertised for Feb. 20, he said.

Mrs. Terrell Collins of Alvord, is in Rogers hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

CLASSIFIED ADVS.

LOST—Sat., Dec. 10, near G. W. Bazzley place on east side, Ford tire and wheel, locked on broken tire rack. Finder please notify G. W. BAZZLEY, Decatur, Rte. 2.

STARK BROTHERS—Been in business 117 years; finest fruits in the world; 4000 acres in nurseries in 8 states. See local salesman—R. L. BLANKENSHIP, Decatur, Texas.

FOUND—A bunch of car keys. Call at Messenger office.

WANTED—Room in home, part-time work to pay for same.—EFFIE LYNCH, Decatur.

FOUND—Leather Key-holder, with five keys. Owner may have same by calling at Messenger office and paying for this ad.

WORK WANTED—Housework, small salary.—JEWEL MCINTIRE, at W. A. Cook's on route 1, Decatur.

DO YOU WANT To Study Law? I have a \$350.00 paid up law course for sale. A very prominent 75-year-old citizen of Dallas completed the course in less than two years and passed the bar examination. See me for full details.—T. L. BAILL, Decatur.

 		
ENCORE Macaroni or Spaghetti 8 oz. pkg. 5c		
Fresh BEETS 3c	ORANGES nice size dozen 27c	Fresh CARROTS 3c
Golden Ripe BANAS pound - - 5C		
Quaker Maid KETCHUP 2 10 oz. b. 15C		
Del Monte C PINEAPPLE 2 no. 2 c 29C		
Del Monte S PINEAPPLE no. 2 c. 16C		
P G or Crystal W. SOAP 10 reg bars 25C		
P G or Crystal W. SOAP 5 Giant b. 18C		
ECONOMY OATS 2, 3 1/2 lb. pkgs. 25		
Red Pitted CHERRIES 2 no. 2 cans 25C		
Verigood Brand FLOUR 48 lb. \$1.50		
Decker's Sliced BACON pound - 19C		
FRESH CHEESE pound - - - 21C		
8 O'CLOCK COFFEE LB. 19C	GRAND- MOTHER'S BREAD 6C	DEL MONTE PEACHES No. 2 1/2 can 19C
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DEAD SLAIN

Feb. 14.—Chester Hammonds, 31, was shot and slain in line of duty by police as he resisted arrest. Hammonds was one of four officers who were dispatched to investigate what turned out to be a family quarrel at the Hammonds home.

Hammonds was killed an hour later as officers Curtis Crays and Sales Coffey found him having his car serviced at a filling station. There were five bullet wounds in his right side and chest and a shotgun charge in his right shoulder. His .38 revolver was clasped in his right hand.

The officers said they fired when Hammonds "pulled his gun." Crays fired with a pistol, Coffey used the shotgun.

"A woman has been knocked in the head at 305 Cleveland street," was the radio report picked up by the scout cars. At that address the officers found only Hazel Hammonds, 18, standing in the street. She directed officers to her home address, but Hammonds was not there.

A few minutes later Grounds and Patrolman Audrey Giles made a second trip to the Hammonds home. Hammonds fled out the back door, firing three times. One of the shots hit Grounds in the right chest and ranged downward. Fellow officers rushed Grounds to a hospital while a general alarm was spread by the police radio. One shot had been fired from Grounds' pistol.

"He had been drinking," sobbed the youthful Mrs. Hammonds. "We had been having trouble. We were going to move, and he took me in his car to look at some places. We quarreled. When we got back home he grabbed a gun and threatened to kill me."

Hammonds had served a term in the Texas penitentiary for burglary, having been received there in May, 1931, for a term of from two to three years.

Grounds is survived by his widow and a year-old baby.

METHODIST CHURCH

"The Church with a Glad Hand"
W. C. Clement, Pastor

Last Wednesday the Decatur District Missionary Institute was held at the Decatur Methodist church. Dr. Quillian, pastor of St. Luke's church of Oklahoma City, was the principal speaker. After an inspiring address delivered by Dr. Quillian a delicious lunch was served at the church. Dr. Quillian also delivered a very interesting and helpful message at the prayer meeting hour. Those that were not present missed something that was really worth while.

All services were well attended last Sunday, considering the weather, but we were disappointed by a number being absent we were expecting to see. We will be looking for you next Sunday. Don't disappoint us.

Sunday school SHOULD begin promptly at 10 o'clock. Our presiding elder, Dr. Mood, will deliver the message at the 11 o'clock hour, and the pastor at the evening hour, 7:15. Come and worship with us.

4-H CLUB GIRL REFINISHING WALNUT BED FOR PROJECT

Refinishing a lovely old walnut bed which belonged to her grandmother, is one of the bedroom improvement jobs of Christine Shephard, 4-H Club girl in the Willow Point community. After the room had been scored, Christine began removing the old finish from the bed. This she did by scraping the wood with a steel putty knife, scraping with the grain of the wood. Since, in places, the old finish was somewhat difficult to remove, she used a little commercial varnish remover, because it does not eat into the wood as a weak lye solution sometimes does. When the old finish was completely gone, she sandpapered the bed with fine sandpaper until it had a smooth finish, then cleaned it well with gasoline.

After this work had been completed to her satisfaction, Christine began the process of putting on a new finish. She put on three coats of clear varnish, allowing time for drying each application and rubbing the finish each time with powdered pumice stone and paraffin oil. Following the third coat of varnish and oil, a coat of liquid was applied and allowed to dry for twenty minutes, then rubbed with a flannel cloth to give a dull velvety finish to the wood.

In addition to refinishing this lovely old piece of furniture, Christine is reclaiming an old fire-place in her bedroom, building a clothes closet on each side of the fire-place, which will give a storage space for clothing in her own room as well as for her mother's room; she is putting in a new floor and finishing it, painting woodwork, papering the wall, and making a dressing table.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fox were Fort Worth visitors Friday.

FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH

Gilbert Wilson, Pastor.

Due to the cold and the rain, attendance last Sunday was considerably reduced, but the interest was fine. Bro. Wilson was in his pulpit at both preaching hours. Text Sunday morning, Isaiah 32:2, "A man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." The man and the rock here referred to is Christ the Savior. He will thus protect, shelter and provide for all who will come to Him. His call is:

"Look unto me and be ye saved all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else."

Evening message, scripture lesson, 61st Psalm, text, 2nd verse, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." That rock is also Christ our only Savior, the only hope for this sin-sick, suffering world, blindly serving its master, Satan. This Rock, Christ, is the Christian's refuge in times of distress.

Services through the week as usual. Teachers' meeting Tuesday night, lesson for next Sunday, 12th and 13th chapters of Hosea. Prayer meeting, Thursday night conducted by the pastor; preaching Saturday night by the pastor, also at both preaching hours Sunday. Bro. Wilson has two more Sundays with us. Come and hear these farewell messages; they are strengthening and encouraging to all who love gospel truth.

Because of the inclement weather and consequent smaller attendance, the foreign mission collection was deferred till next Sunday. A suitable box will be placed on the platform and all who find it in their hearts to help this worthy cause, will come prepared to drop their contributions in the box. The collection will be sent to a native missionary on a foreign field without so much expense as a postage stamp.

Baptizing next Sunday night. Come in time next Sunday for the 10 a. m. Bible study; also remember to be present at the young people's Bible study at 6 p. m. Any age welcomed at this study.

A. & P. HONORS FOUNDER

A. & P. Celebrating Founder's Week, honors the memory of George Huntington Hartford, a down east Yankee who revolutionized the retail food business.

Young Hartford, coming to New York in the late 1850's, found himself in a position to buy a shipload of tea, thereby cutting out many expensive profits which were normally involved in such a transaction. As a result, Hartford was able to offer the tea at retail at about half the usual price.

Though many other concerns have adopted the methods instituted by Hartford, it remains for A. & P. to honor his memory with a special week when both employees and customers are reminded of the methods he instituted.

Swap ads are free to farmers!

Increased Vegetable Acreage to be Planted

Preliminaries have already been laid for an extensive provision supply for the county farm for this year, to consist of the planting of a large area of the farm land to vegetables for canning and storage. The farm is under general supervision of the commissioners' court, but immediate management of Commissioner A. M. Shaw, who, with the assistance of Miss Ora Stone, county home demonstration agent, has outlined a budget of food needs for this year for the foreman of the farm and his family and the inmates of the home, six or eight in number.

Miss Stone has suggested a full group of adaptable food crops for both the early and later planting seasons and will supervise the canning and other means of conservation as the successive crops mature. She will also direct the canning of two beets which Commissioner Shaw plans to have ready for that process later in the fall. With the cooperation and under the direction of the home agent, it is believed that the food supply to be conserved will materially cut the cost of operation of the farm and at the same time provide the family of the operator and the inmates a wholesome diversity of foods at all times.

In connection with the initial phase of the food preservation program for the county farm, Miss Stone has up for tentative consideration what might be done for the county as a whole in food conserving from the standpoint of aids that might be offered by CWA federal and state sources. So far she is in receipt of no specific advice as to how extensive the program might be made, but has been informed that the possibility might be opened up. Should the opportunity present itself the home agent will seize upon it to preserve for future use the largest possible supply of products.

PRIVATE VS. PUBLIC UTILITIES

McCook, Neb., Feb. 10.—This town, the home of Senator George Norris, famed progressive and step-father of the Tennessee Valley project, and all his life a staunch advocate of municipal ownership of utilities, today stands on record as opposed to a municipal power plant here to compete with a private company.

In a special election on a \$250,000 bond issue to finance a PWA loan to build a power plant, the town voted 1,070 against to 694 for.

Senator Norris took no active part in the campaign.

C. L. McNair was in Wichita Falls on business Friday.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our heart-felt appreciation and love for the friends and neighbors who were so kind and thoughtful during the illness and death of our beloved father.—Mrs. U. S. Absher, Carl Absher, Mrs. Ruth McCluney, T. L. Absher, B. E. Absher, D. L. Absher.

Cotton-Hog Program Given In Wise County

To the cotton farmer who has already reduced his cotton acreage by diversification with other crops and livestock in previous years, and who feels the government cotton program is unfair to him, the corn-hog contract may offer interesting possibilities, says Guy Powell, county agent.

Suppose a farmer changed from an all-cotton farm system to half cotton and half feed a few years ago. He milks cows and feeds hogs and raises chickens for a steady year-round living, and takes his cotton money in the fall for paying the bigger bills. He makes the same percentage of reduction in his 1934 cotton crop as the neighbor who still plants nearly the whole farm to cotton, but he will receive only half as much in the way of a government cotton benefit check.

In many such instances it works out that the diversified farmer may sign a corn-hog contract to reduce corn acreage or hog production, or both, and receive government benefit checks that will total just as much or even more than these received by the all-cotton farmer. In addition, the diversified farmer is in a much better position than the all-cotton farmer to use the extra feed which the farm man can grow under the terms of the cotton and corn-hog contracts.

The corn-hog contract is open to every farmer in the county who produces a surplus of either corn or hogs and who can otherwise qualify, the county agent points out. The rush of the cotton campaign makes a farm-to-farm canvass of farmers in the interest of the corn-hog program an impossibility, but men who may be eligible to sign these contracts should investigate the plan, he suggests.

FARM DEBT ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET SAT.

A meeting of the County Farm Debt Adjustment committee has been called to meet in the district courtroom, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and all farmers in the county who have any business to transact with this committee are invited to be present. Attorney W. K. Sampson has been appointed chairman of the county committee by the government, and its members are composed of Thurmond Cook, Decatur; Fred Milligan, Greenwood; Lon Burson, Alvord; E. P. Cowling, Bridgeport.

President Resents Publicity Stunt of Lindy

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Postmaster General James A. Farley has sent a telegram to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, which is understood to have been couched in rather strong terms.

It was in reply to Lindbergh's telegram to President Roosevelt, taking

him to task for having summarily canceled all existing airmail contracts.

Because Lindbergh made public his telegram to the president before it reached the White House, the White House declined to reply to it on the ground that it was inspired by "publicity motives." Lindbergh's telegram was sent to Farley for "consideration."

"Ask Colonel Lindbergh what's in the telegram," said Farley.

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"Our Country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be in the right; but our country, right or wrong."—Stephen Decatur.

Thursday Morning, February 15, 1934

Lincoln Said

"Inasmuch as most good things are produced by labor, it follows that all such things of right belong to those whose labor has produced them. But it has so happened, in all ages of the world, that some have labored, and others have without labor enjoyed a large proportion of the fruits. This is wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor as nearly as possible, is a worthy subject of any good government."

"I stand with anybody that stands right. I stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong."

Best Public Work

One-eighth of the huge public works program under the recovery act of last March, was set aside specifically for emergency highway construction, yet there is no specific mention of road building in President Roosevelt's recovery suggestions regarding 1934 and 1935. At least, no word of it has gained the public prints.

This is a source of just concern to many persons who believe that highway building has demonstrated beyond a doubt its right to stand in the front rank of public works, from any practical standpoint.

Surely it is common knowledge, by now, that highways are our only public activity paying its own way; that in Texas, where all necessary materials are found, road work returns almost 100 per cent of its outlay, first or last, to labor; and that the rich rewards paid by highways both to the state and to private business are as certain as the fact that people will drive automobiles.

Every day of any year the machinery is oiled and ready to carry out emergency highway work, for the highway departments of the states are constantly attuned to the federal bureau of public roads through their normal federal aid negotiations.

It is true that only two-thirds of the \$400,000,000 road program has yet been put to work, after nine months. Perhaps some criticism is due in that connection. But it is a huge labor, in which each state had to submit a complete and equitably distributed program before a single project was approved. And to some of us at least there is comfort in the knowledge that so much is being obtained from those dollars, with so little waste.

Furthermore, no less an authority than O. S. Warden, president of the American Association of State Highway Officials, assures the public that the entire fund will be consumed by July 1st.

This program, he estimates, will employ perhaps one million men nationally. That means about 50,000 in Texas.

Already there is a bill before the senate—the Hayden bill—proposing a return to regular federal highway aid of \$125,000 yearly. This would cut Texas to about \$7,000,000, reducing road employment by two-thirds.

But for one other fact Texas would not protest. She ranks thirty-ninth among the states in improved state highways, and she greatly needs to complete her trunk roads if she is to attract tourists to Mexico and to her centennial, yet she could quietly forego this need except for this:

For "public works," the president asks \$1,677,190,800 in 1934 and \$1,089,883,100 in 1935.

The best public works for recovery, are highways. Congress should give them their due.—Houston Chronicle.

Army Control Best

Millions and millions of dollars for employment, but not a cent for graft, corruption and political patronage. That ought to be both the practice and the principle of the Civil Works Administration.

In many cities, in many states, it has been neither.

The CWA was never intended to be charity. It is called the civil works and not the charity waste administration.

It should be a means of providing work for the unemployed and not of paying a dole to the friends of influential politicians.

It was never intended to furnish local politicians with a feeding trough at the national expense, but in many communities they have been permitted to use it for that purpose.

What, if properly administered, could have relieved unemployment and furnished useful civil works, has been turned into a pork barrel for the benefit of those who profit by waste and incompetence. On top of that, there has been the graft of payment for contracts, and even for employment.

It is charged that men have been paying for jobs and that on many jobs men have been standing idle because there were no tools or materials.

But, apart from those guilty of corruption, the politicians have not been wholly to blame. They saw their opportunity and took advantage of it by furnishing jobs for their friends. As for their incompetence, they were no more incompetent in the national than they had been in the local service.

The blame rests rather with the government in not foreseeing the inevitable abuses.

But though it lacked a national civil service adequate to administering the fund in every community, it had an army service thoroughly competent for the work, and the work itself would have been excellent peace time service for the army organization.

That is not too late for a thought, and the more it is considered, the more it commends itself.

An army administration would put immediate end to the graft, corruption, incompetence and waste which have characterized the CWA in so many of its undertakings.

Army control would be specially trained control. It would give honest and efficient service in place of the inefficient and not always honest service of politicians.

Millions and millions of dollars have yet to be spent relieving unemployment and furnishing useful and necessary civil works. Every cent of them should be spent for the purpose intended, and that purpose only.

To insure this, there is no better way than that of giving the army immediate charge of the CWA all over the nation and not merely where corruption and incompetence have made such control a national necessity.

The army is conspicuous for its efficiency, and its honesty is not even to be questioned. An outstanding monument to both is the Panama canal, constructed under the direction of Maj. Gen. Goethals.

Whenever and wherever there is a great job to be done in the way of public construction, army supervisors will insure both scrupulous honesty and the highest standards of efficiency.

Army men are trained in patriotic loyalty to the government and the people.

Let the army do it, and it will be well and honestly done. —Chicago Herald-Examiner.

SWINDLING CHARGE FILED AGAINST CANNON'S SON

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 12.—Charges of swindling by check have been filed here against Maj. Richard M. Cannon, son of Bishop James M. Cannon, Jr., of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Margaret L. Cannon, wife of Maj. Cannon, similarly is named in the complaint, filed by the district attorney's office before Justice of the Peace John R. Shook.

The charge is made that Major and Mrs. Cannon on Jan. 6 gave to Plaza hotel a worthless check for \$75 on the First State Bank of Rosemead, Calif.

CURRENT COMMENT FROM WASHINGTON

An official of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation let fall in the course of a speech, a few words which the banks will do well to consider. Having assured his hearers that it was not the policy of the government to take over the business of banking, he urged greater liberality in the making of bank loans, adding: "The question therefore follows, will our banking be continued in private hands, or will that necessity be supplanted by the government?" It is his view that there are perfectly sound loans which the banks do not care to make, although it is their plain duty as a part of the recovery plan to do so. He makes it evident that there is a substantial profit in such loans, and that if the banks do not see fit to take advantage of it, the government will accept that profit gladly. The banks are not outlawed, but are invited cordially to act as a go-between in carrying out the federal projects for relief, borrowing themselves from the government when the end in view can be accomplished best by that means. The big stick is lacking, but there is a mild rod of correction ready for the bankers, it seems.

The man who used to slip a five-dollar gold piece away in a sock now and then, used to be praised as one who carried in mind the proverbial rainy day. Now he is condemned as a hoarder. It is reported that those who grip their silver too closely may be placed under the same condemnation. All of which tends to prove that time makes ancient good uncouth, and that private interest sometimes must make way for the common good, even though the worker for private interest may not always know the why and the wherefore. Stripping the individual of his hard money may seem unjust, but somehow or other the country, up to the present time, has not noted the difference. The dirty old bill, peeled off the roll at the proper time and place, appears to be doing the work. Evidently there is something about this money business which remains to most of us a closed book. Perhaps we could actually drop back to the old days of bartering tobacco for hides and be perfectly contented and prosperous. The money question may be purely a matter of psychology, after all.

A senator some time ago said some hard things on the floor respecting a former officer in the army, and later distributed copies of his speech, with circulars calling attention to it.

He has been sued for libel, and the first appeal has been sustained against him. The public has the general idea that a senator can do almost anything. Perhaps he can. It remains for the court of last resort to pass upon that point, but as the law now stands a member of congress can say what he wishes, in the heat of debate, but must not thereafter declare in print that he said it. This sounds like one of the incomprehensible technicalities of the law, but after all it reduces itself to the ancient maxim that it is best to let sleeping dogs lie. Speaking of sleeping places, who can pick out a more perfect one than the Congressional Record.

The recent rioting in France, affords a curious example of mob reaction. One part of the disturbing element carried banners which read: "We intend that France shall live in honor and purity." If honor is a thing devoutly to be wished for, it is suggested that honorably contracted debts should be paid. When foreigners appeared, the cry was changed to "France for the French." Germany has on hand plans of aggression and expansion, which, if carried out, will do the French no good, but France is too busy with affairs at home to give much heed to them. During the war, sentiment in the United States was distinctly pro-French. It is doubtful whether that attitude now prevails. By a simple money payment, well within the power of the French exchequer, the good will of America could have been retained, and that good will might have proved a valuable asset in the present emergency. When the time for the payment of war debts came around, opportunity was knocking at the French door. Unfortunately for France, she chose to hear only the present rapping of a troublesome and dunning installment collector.

The growing of grapes is destined to be one of the principal industries in Wise county at no distant day, and mark the prediction, says an experienced grape-grower, the Wise county product will become the standard in the market, for in this section, says the same authority, the best grapes will be grown. During the past two years many vineyards have been set out, and this season the acreage has been materially increased. To M. R. Oats, in town a few days ago, agricultural agent for the Denver Road, belongs the credit of stimulating interest in this great and profitable industry. Several years ago, Mr. Oats, assisted in having two or three young vineyards set out in the Decatur community, and the splendid success attained in the ventures, is responsible for the activity brought about among farmers and truck growers in different sections of the county today.

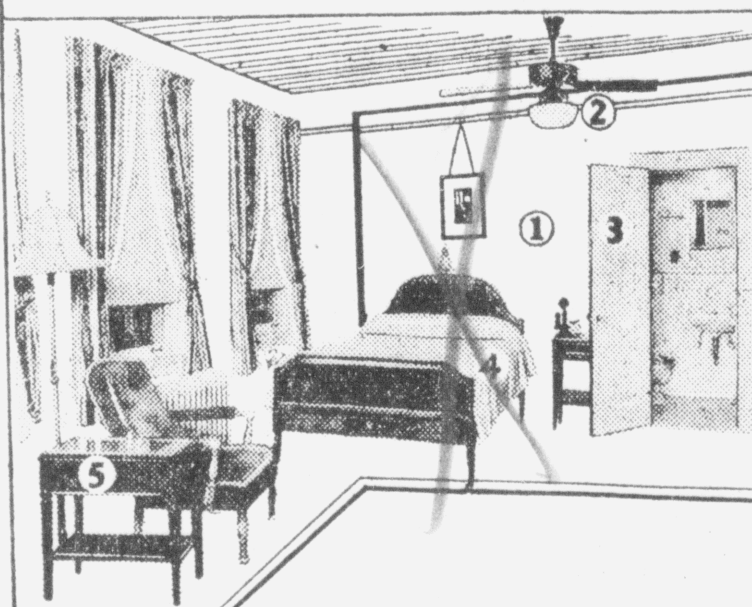
"We learn something every day," remarked a prominent Decatur citizen to a Messenger reporter, "but during the past month I have been informed about strange doings, that would come under the head of outrageous, if what has been told me is true. Some credit association in a certain city in the state has sent agents into this town and community, and the goodness, soundness or what you may call it, meaning

standing and credit, of some of our citizens has been injured, or an effort has been made to injure them, thru political, or personal dislike of the person from whom the agent sought information concerning the standing of the citizens. One case in particular where a good citizen was secretly reported as being guilty of most every dishonesty, and upon investigation it turned out that the one making such a report held en-

mity toward some of like nature. This, of course, is a very serious matter, and, wanting ability to pay, accepting the disease by which a man is overwhelmed by desire for money. As I say, flare-back."

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NEWS

Dr. J. L. Ward was in Dallas Friday on business.

Mrs. Welton H. Jones was a Fort Worth visitor Thursday.

Miss Mary Lillard of Dallas, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lillard, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stoner and daughter and Misses Paye, Bill and Flora Reeves visited relatives and friends in Dallas Sunday.

Vaden Miles left Sunday for Port Arthur where he has taken a position in the high school. We regret very much losing this young man.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bennett were Wichita Falls visitors Friday. Miss Crystal DeMente returned with them for a visit.

Dr. and Mrs. T. G. Rogers and daughter, Lanier, and Miss Catherine Fowler, were Fort Worth visitors Sunday.

Dr. H. S. Renshaw and Miss Carl of Jim Roberts visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lute Renshaw, here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Everheart of Boyd, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. W. Smith, during the week end.

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Miss Mildred Griner of N. T. S. T. C., Denton, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. Carl Griner, over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Stoner and daughter, Beth, of Altus, Okla., visited Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Reeves over the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson and son of Pilot Point, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Elder, here Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hannan carried their son, Delmar, to Fort Worth Tuesday, where he will undergo an operation for hernia at the Methodist hospital.

The Owl Club will sponsor a bridge tournament at the club house Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 2 p. m. The tournament is for the benefit of the club piano fund. The public is cordially invited. Tickets, 25c.

Mrs. E. W. Bass of Fort Worth, formerly of Decatur, sang over station KFIJZ Friday morning at 11:30. Miss Grace Davidson made an interesting talk on roses, and Mrs. Bass sang, "A Bowl of Roses", accompanied by Mrs. Tom McMurray, Jr. Her many friends appreciated hearing her sing again.

MRS. ORTOLANI ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Lawrence Ortolani entertained with a birthday party for her daughter, Patsy, Monday afternoon, Feb. 12. The house was decorated with red and white hearts. Many interesting games were played throughout the afternoon. The children were presented with Valentines as favors. Delicious sandwiches, cake and candy were served to Naomi Ruth Cartwright, Carrie Lou Childs, Jane Finley, Gloria Jean McSpadden, Mary Beth Culp, Ruth Collins, Sarah Louise Brewer, Peggy Jean Burton, Elaine Rogers, Larry Ortolani and the honoree.

DINNER FOR MISS THOMASON

Mrs. Fred Thomason entertained for her daughter, Gladys, with a dinner at the home of Mrs. Lute Renshaw Thursday evening. After the dinner the guests enjoyed bridge and pitch. Those attending were Misses Vera Jenkins, La Verne Thompson, Lois Davis; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ortolani and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fox; and Messrs. Blake Workman, Basil Spain, Harry Blackwell and Leslie Nobles.

ROOK CLUB

The Rook Club met at the home of Mrs. C. C. Layfield Thursday afternoon, Feb. 8. After a business session, the members and guests played Rook. Delicious refreshments were served to Misses Merton Hayes, Floyd Dodd, Fred Thomason, Geo. Elder, Marion Montgomery, Curran Now, Bill Perrin, Hub Heathington, C. W. Ferguson, Wallace Brady, Arch Morris and the hostess.

"HER HONOR THE MAYOR" BE PRESENTED AT COLLEGE

As previously announced in the Messenger, the comedy drama, "Her Honor the Mayor", will be presented at the college auditorium this Friday night, Feb. 16. Snappy entertainment between the acts will also be given. The entertainment is under the auspices of the Gettys sym.

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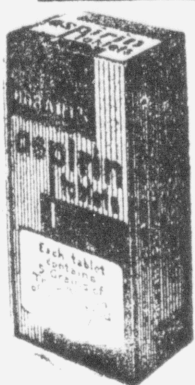
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ASPIRIN

100s
29c

CHARMONA
TALCUM

1 lb.
19c

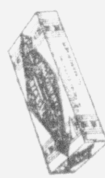


MARTELS
BAY RUM

12 oz.
24c

KLENZO

Facial Tissues
25c size 19c



MINERAL OIL

RUSSIAN

32 oz. - - - 69c

Natures Crystals
Makes 15 gals. water
1 lb. - - - 98c

STATIONERY - -
24 sheets Cascade
Linen Stationery.
24 Cascade Envelopes
each - - - 10c

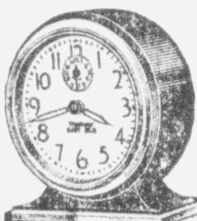
DEFENDER

Fountain Syringe or
Hot Water Bottle

2 quart capacity 79c

Alarm

Clock



Renfro
\$1.25 value
98c

Purdy's
Castor Oil
4 oz. size

19c



Kennards
WITCH

HAZEL
16 oz.
19c

ROSE WATER, Glycerin Creigs 17c
COLGATES Shaving Soap - - 5c
MINERAL OIL Russian, 16 oz. - 39c
BLACK DRAUGHT 25c size - 19c
GLYCERIN Ardens, 4 oz. - - 19c
CASTORIA 40c size - - - 27c
CHARMONIA F. Powder, 50c s. 29c
LYSOL 25c size - - - - 23c

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Hot Oveltime 10c
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MASTERS Cod Liver Oil, 16 oz. 49c
VICKS Salve, 75c size - - - 49c
ALCO REX Rubbing Alcohol pt. 23c
BOST Tooth Paste 50c size - - 29c
STAG Hair Oil, 6 oz. - - - - 35c
MILES Nervine \$1.00 size - - 79c
LAVENDER Mentholated
Shaving Cream 25c
LYSOL \$1.00 size - - - - 89c

SOAP SPECIALS

LIFEBUOY or GAMAY

Regular 10c value

2 bars for 11c

GENTLEMAN'S After Shave 17c
Talc

ADLERIKA Tonic, \$1 size - - 89c

MASTERS Cod Liver Oil, 32 oz. 79c

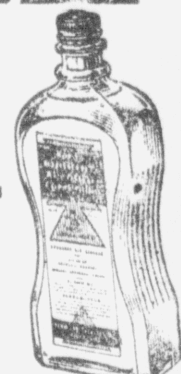
PINKHAMS Comp. \$1.50 size \$1.19

CARDUI McElrees \$1.00 size - 79c

SHAVING LOTION 25c size - 17c

KORDS
RUBBING
ALCOHOL

Full Pint
15c



PRICES
EPSOM
SALTS
U.S.P. lb. size
10c

MI-31
SOLUTION
full pint
49c



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Per Roll 10c

50c Percy
Medicine - 39c

MINERAL OIL
1-2 gallon - 98c

CIGARETTES:

Lucky Strike, Chesterfield, Camel,
Old Golds.—PKG OF 20s—

15c

Sanitary Napkins

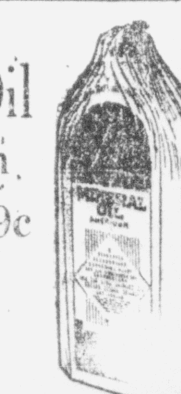
FIRSTAID
Reg. pkg. of 12
2 pkgs. 25c



HALLS
BORATED
Baby Talcum
1 lb.
19c



Lamsons
Mineral Oil
American
16 oz. 29c



32c oz.
54c

New Postmaster Not Yet Named

A new postmaster was due to be named for the Decatur postoffice Wednesday, but no information was received from Washington, and Postmaster Chas. Bradford is continuing on the job. Mr. Bradford's contract was up Wednesday morning, having served his allotted "term." Speculation is rife as to who will succeed Mr. Bradford, but it is confidently believed that Miss Lela Mann, who was active in McFarlane's campaign for congress, will receive the appointment as temporary postmaster, later being given the position permanently. It is reported in political circles that McFarlane has given Miss Mann assurance that she will receive the appointment. McFarlane has the authority to give the place to whom he wants, and he will, no doubt, reward Miss Mann for her work in his behalf. She was a tireless worker for McFarlane during his campaigns. Postoffices at Denton, Nocona and other towns in his district have been filled by McFarlane with loyal supporters.

Marley Says Russo- Japanese War Due

San Francisco, Cal. Feb. 14.—Lord Marley, deputy speaker of the British house of lords and a member of the British labor party, said today war between Russia and Japan is inevitable. "Japan will precipitate the war," he said in an interview, "for Japanese are like ostriches. They bury their heads in the sand and are unaware of world feeling against them. If I were a member of the Japanese general staff I'd say the war between Russia and Japan would come this spring."

Lord Marley described Russia as "better prepared for war than many realize."

Boys Doing Damage With Rifles

Times change, is the verdict of a Decatur citizen. "When I was a boy there was a town ordinance which prevented the shooting of 'nigger shooters' on the square and the main streets of the town. The ordinance, I suppose, was for the protection of the citizens against reckless shooting at the hands of irresponsible youths. And, listen, it was rigidly enforced. And, this, even when we were on the creek, out of the corporate limits of the town, we knew better than to kill quacking birds; we had received that training at home. Today, gangs of young boys armed with air rifles, some with .22 calibre rifles, parade the streets, and gang about the court-house lawn, shooting at everything that flies. Private yards are invaded, window lights are destroyed, and pedestrians are made to understand they had better look out. Don't suppose anything short of a tragedy will call a halt on this recklessness."

Messenger editor had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Col. Steger of Bonham, in Dallas the other day. Col. Steger is an old-time democrat, and he will be remembered as one of the most active party men in the memorable campaigns of Bailey, Hogg, Chilton, Culberson, and other democratic giants of the long ago.

U. S. Army Again Has Vacancies

The U. S. army is again open for recruiting of men. Applicants must have the following qualifications: between the ages of 18 and 35 for original enlistment; if under 21 years old must furnish consent from parents or legal guardian; must be 5 feet 4 inches in height, weight 115 pounds, and of good moral character and free from any disease; must possess at least 8th grade education. Vacancies now cavalry unassigned at Fort Clark and Fort Brown, Texas. Engineers unassigned at Fort McIntosh, Texas.

For information, call or write at the U. S. army recruiting station, room 1, old Post Office Building, Fort Worth, Texas.

Citizens of Texas are reading the dailies which carry the news of the rumpus created in the postmaster general's department in Washington, brought about by the cancellation of air mail contracts. Some serious charges are being made, and others are looked for. It appears that something sensational in news is about to break, and in some quarters in Texas it is believed the sensational "stuff" will take on added interest to Texas people.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Faith were Fort Worth visitors Friday.

W. A. Hughes, Jr., is ill with the measles this week.

Mrs. Lee Morris of Chico, president first district, T. F. W. C., was here Wednesday, attending a club meeting.

Pat Neff's Brother Dies at Wichita

San Angelo, Tex., Feb. 14.—Funeral services for Sam Neff, 75, Coke county rancher and a brother of Pat Neff, president of Baylor University, Waco, are to be held tomorrow at 4 p. m. from the late rancher's Coke county home. Burial is to be in the Mule Creek cemetery near his home.

Neff died early today in a Wichita Falls hospital to which he was taken about five months ago for treatment. He had been a resident of Coke county forty years.

Survivors include the widow; a sister, Mrs. Sallie Calvert, Dallas, and the brother, Pat Neff, who is accompanying the body from Wichita Falls.

THE OWL CLUB

The Owl club met Wednesday, Feb. 7, for a regular meeting. The lesson was directed by Mrs. George Gage, and papers were given by Mrs. J. C. C. Gunn, Mrs. A. Lee, and Mrs. Ray Watkins. There were 17 members present.

During this club year the Owl Club is trying to raise enough money to buy a piano. This will be known as the Owl Club piano fund.

J. J. Rieger was in Dallas Wednesday on business.

A large number of people attended the Eastern Star banquet in Rogers hall Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wilson and son of Pilot Point, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Elder, here Sunday.

A CHIROPRACTIC

PRIVATE HEALTH CLINIC

will be held in Decatur on Saturday, Feb. 17

at the office of Dr. U. E. Conrad

Dr. R. L. Larson of Davenport, Iowa, and Dr. E. H. Norris of Des Moines, Iowa, will be the clinicians in charge, assisted by co-workers from the staff of the Educational Chiropractic Clinics. Only the latest in Chiropractic Technique and Equipment is used, including the NEURO-DILOMETER and X-ray. Personal attention is given in each case and no charge is incurred except in special cases where the patient desires additional X-ray attention, for which the charge is minimum.

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ADDRESS OF BENEFICIARY _____

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Applicant

SIGNED: _____
Representative

Market Advice

Beginning of the fast days importance to stable dishes. The varieties of fish available are fairly plentiful in price. Haddock, whiting, cod, and flounder are plentiful. Red fish, gulf trout and catfish will also be available at moderate prices.

If there is an egg season we are entering it. Only fresh eggs of good quality will be found in the stores as no storage eggs are left and cold weather keeps fresh eggs in fine condition. There has been little price change as yet due to continued cold.

Cheese continues to be plentiful and low priced. This food combines well with most vegetables and may be served as cheese sauce or au gratin.

Although souffles owe their character to eggs, fish souffles, cheese souffles or vegetable souffles are served more often than plain omelet souffle. A variety of the souffle is the imbale which is really a baked or steamed custard containing meat, fish, cheese or vegetables.

There is little change in the vegetables available or their prices. Broccoli, however, is really cheap and peas much more so than they have been. Cauliflower is also cheaper than often. Brussels sprouts are unusually fine in quality and a pint box will serve four people. New cabbage is as delicious as its more expensive relatives, but should be cooked only a short time to be at its best.

Spinach, too, should be cooked only a very few minutes. Lemon juice, butter, salt and pepper flavor it to most people's taste. Green beans are more expensive than they have been

and many of them are a bit on the mature side.

Beets, carrots, onions and yellow turnips are good vegetables to serve when a salad is included in the meal. Small carrots cooked whole and served with a sweet sour sauce are delicious. Lettuce and celery are unusually low in price. Good tomatoes are more plentiful and are moderate in price. Mushrooms are a trifle higher but are still reasonable.

Cold weather in Florida is slowing the ripening of strawberries so they will probably be somewhat more expensive. Grapefruit and oranges continue to be excellent in quality and low in price. Eastern McIntosh and Baldwin apples are sharing the market with Northwestern Rome Beauties, celebrated for their baking qualities and Winesaps. Bananas are somewhat cheaper and improved in quality. A few more pineapples are coming into market. Tangerines are also plentiful this week.

For non-fast days and the weekend, there is an interesting selection of meat and poultry. Beef, poultry and smoked pork offer the outstanding values. In general, lamb and veal are high and fresh pork more expensive than it has been.

Fowl, trying and roasting chickens will be good purchases as will beef liver, pot roasts, hams and bacon.

Here is an appetizing Lenten menu prepared from the foods that our food experts consider especially suitable for this week.

Grapefruit
Codfish Steak or Fillets Creole
Baked Noodles
Broccoli Hollandaise
Green Salad French Dressing
Rolls Butter
Spanish Cream
Coffee

*This menu tested and tasted in the A & P Kitchen.

Texas Legislators to Continue Session

Austin, Texas, Feb. 14.—The Texas house of representatives refused to adopt a resolution today proposing adjournment of the special session at noon next Saturday, and proceeded slowly with consideration of amendments to a bill to issue additional bonds for relief of the unemployed and needy.

The sine die adjournment resolution was tabled subject to call and will be brought up again tomorrow by Representative Lon Alsop of Carthage. Alsop asserted the legislature could accomplish its work by that time if it worked diligently. He said it was being criticized on all sides for "rambling and fooling along."

A move to limit debate on the bond bill was defeated. It was proposed to put a five minute restriction on

speeches and suspend the rule allowing extension of speaking time. The motion lacked three votes of the two thirds majority necessary to suspend the rule.

An amendment was adopted to permit the use of 10 per cent of the relief funds for materials. This was an increase of five per cent over the law regulating disbursements of funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized last fall.

An effort to eliminate a provision giving the state the privilege of calling in the bonds after March 1, 1934 was defeated.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Clement and Mrs. C. A. Burton and daughter, Bill, were in Celina Monday, where Rev. Clement held a funeral.

The veteran physician, Dr. J. J. Ingram, is reported improving, after an operation.

Tribute Paid Stripling In Fort Worth

Tribute was paid to the memory of W. C. Stripling, veteran merchant of Fort Worth, yesterday in two simple services. One was at the Exchange Club, the organization which honored him with the title of "Fort Worth's outstanding citizen," at its 1929 Golden Deed banquet. The other was held at W. C. Stripling high school. Mr. Stripling died Friday.

At the Exchange meeting at the Fort Worth Club a chair leaned against the table marking the place of the deceased merchant and civic leader. The club's book of "Golden Deeds" was open at Mr. Stripling's picture.

"To me there is no doubt that he lived a life that touched as many persons in a wholesome way as any business man could," A. E. Thomas, who had known Mr. Stripling since the nineties, declared.

Thomas said Mr. Stripling possessed the characteristics of fairness, simplicity, humility, cheerful courtesy and consideration for others. He traced his early business life and said his "courtesy" had prevailed throughout.

"We could improve ourselves and our lives by observing lives like the one that this man followed," Thomas said. "I am glad for this club that it saw fit to honor him. No finer sort of recognition can come to a man than to be sought out by his fellow men."

In introducing Thomas, Judge Walter L. Morris declared that "no words could add to the lustre of the life of the man we have come here to honor."

All the rest of Fort Worth knew Mr. Stripling as an outstanding business man and civic leader, and the students of the school bearing his name knew him in those capacities, too—but it was as a benefactor to the W. C. Stripling high school that the student body knew him best, speakers declared at memorial services in the school auditorium.

When the building was completed on a site that had been part of wartime Camp Bowie, rocks augmented by slabs of concrete that had been broken up left the grounds in a rough condition. Richard Poll, one of the several students who spoke, said, Mr. Stripling conveyed word to the school authorities to place the grounds in shape, then beautify the campus and send him the bill.

Each year the merchant gave four medals for presentation to the students making the highest scholastic average among the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The character and personality of Mr. Stripling were discussed by B. H. Richards. His business life was reviewed by George Dunlap and Earl Barnes spoke of Mr. Stripling's civic service.

John Crawford sang "Abide With Me." Miss Daisy Brundage, acting principal, presided. After the program the students rose and after a moment of silent prayer, the service ended.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Austin "Statesmen" Play—Work Delayed

Austin, Texas, Feb. 14.—Former Governor James E. Ferguson, husband of Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, in a statement published in his weekly paper, today sharply criticized the legislature for its work, so far, and the state unemployment relief program.

He said if the legislature did not authorize the issuance of more than \$4,000,000 in additional relief bonds, the amount approved by the house in its bill, "the legislature will have to be called back again in less than 60 days at the expense of the taxpayers," to vote more bonds.

"The legislature has been warned by the governor time and again that all its relief funds will be gone by the first of May, which will include substantially all of the \$4,000,000 proposed to be appropriated by the legislature," Ferguson said. "The governor asked the legislature to appropriate \$10,000,000 and the figures now show that that much ought to be appropriated. If it is not appropriated the legislature will have to be called back in less than 60 days at the expense of the taxpayers to vote some additional bonds. The people voted \$20,000,000 to feed the hungry. It is up to the legislature whether they are going to carry out the people's will or not."

"The governor and I are willing to bear this abuse that has been vented against us by the little minds in the legislature if it will do them any good, but what bothers us in the probability that men and women and children will go hungry because of the ignorance of the people who are drawing \$10 a day for service they are not rendering."

He also criticized the Texas relief commission for not electing J. F. Reed, assistant director of relief under Lawrence Westbrook, to the vacancy left by Westbrook's appointment to a place in Washington. Adam R. Johnson, former city manager of Austin, was made relief director.

Existing funds will be depleted in the latter part of this month. The governor has made application to the federal government for a loan until the state can market another block of the \$5,500,000 in relief securities authorized last fall. Half of that amount has been advertised for sale on Feb. 20.

Army Officer Not Guilty, Says Jury

San Antonio, Tex., Feb. 14.—After deliberating 55 minutes, a jury in federal district court returned a verdict this afternoon acquitting Lieut. John H. Murrel, former West Point football star, on charges of attack and attempted attack upon Miss Blanche Ralls Boicshire, a visitor here from Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 22, 1933. The attack was alleged to have been made on the Fort Sam Houston military reservation.

The verdict was returned at 5:35 p. m., following three and one-half hours of arguments by attorneys.

Murrel was indicted on two counts, the first of which attempted attack on Miss Ralls, punishable by a penitentiary sentence to be fixed by the court, the second charging him with attack which is punishable by death, or, if the jury so recommends, by life imprisonment.

When the clerk of the court read the verdict of "not guilty" on the first count, there was a ripple of applause from the crowd which had gathered among them being more than a score of women. Judge R. J. McMillan immediately halted the proceedings and warned the spectators that all would be expelled from the courtroom if there were any further demonstrations. Then the court read the verdict of "not guilty" to the second count after which the courtroom was cleared quickly.

"I knew I would be acquitted," Lieutenant Murrel said. "I was confident from the start. I suppose it was because my conscience was clear."

"The trial has not embittered me. I still have the same confidence I have always had in the womanhood of America, and I am going back to the army to perform my duties in the same spirit as before."

"I want to thank all of those who have stood by me through the trial and since the charges were filed."

The case went to trial Monday. The government closed after placing only one witness, Miss Ralls, on the stand. More than a score of witnesses testified for the defense.

Directions for Spraying Fruit Trees

Dormant spraying of fruit trees may be done any time during the winter before the buds begin to swell

in the spring. Where scale infection is severe, one application near the beginning and another near the end of the dormant season is advisable.

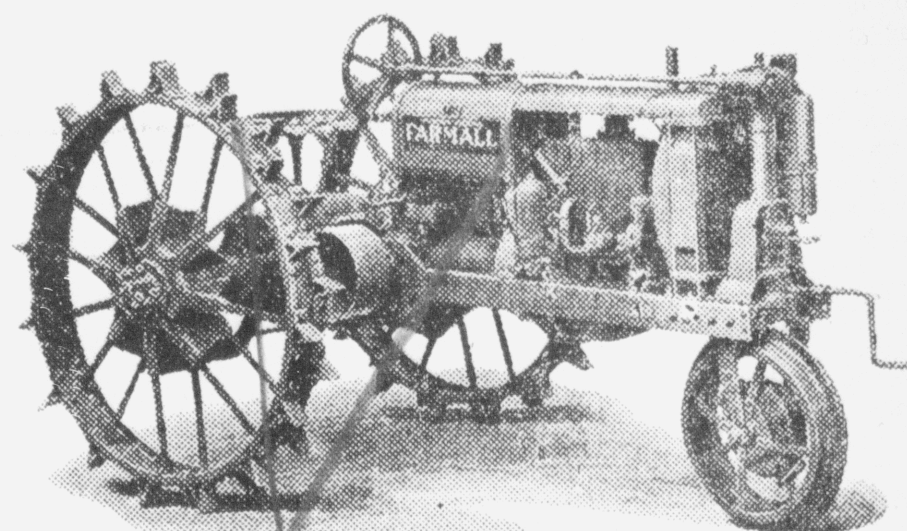
One gallon of concentrated lime-sulphur (Sp. Gr. 1.03) to 8 gallons of water controls scale insects and leaf curl disease of peach.

Oil sprays may be used also as a dormant spray for the control of hard

and soft-bodied scale insects, and European red mites. Dilute to a 2 per cent solution of oil is recommended. Applications should not be made just before a severe freeze.

The efficiency of the spray depends upon the proper mixture of the spray material and how thoroughly the tree is covered.

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FARMERS' EXCHANGE & SWAP

In this column each week will appear a list of articles for exchange or sale by Wise county farmers. These advertisements, which will include farm produce, livestock, farm machinery and supplies, will be inserted free by the Messenger for farmers. In the column many bargains can be found each week. Advertisers are asked to advise the Messenger immediately when property is disposed of.

FOR LEASE—50-acre farm, good 6-room house, windmill, good barn, orchard, half of land in cultivation; 1½ miles from Decatur. Call at Messenger office for particulars.

FOR TRADE—Yearling heifer for sewing machine.—MRS. ROY LUSK, Decatur, Rte. 1.

WANT TO TRADE—An electric washing machine, eight sheet capacity, as good as new, for good work horse or mule; machine will do the work of ten women.—MRS. G. C. FRAZIER, Decatur Rte. 3, Box 90.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—72 bales of hay, \$8.00, or will trade for oats; place for rent or lease. MALCOLM BRANCH, Rte. 4.

FOR LEASE—200-acre farm, good house, good barns, plenty of good water; also white-face bull for sale or trade.—A. C. RHINE, Rte. 1, Decatur.

SECOND-HAND WINDMILL—8-foot steel mill; J. L. Case riding cultivator, \$65 cream separator, been run one year. What have you.—J. A. TUCKER, Rte. 1, Boyd, Texas.

ROCK MASON—Can do plaster brick or concrete work, 35 years experience; will trade labor for acreage not over 3 miles from Decatur. See FRED SPAIN at Decatur or R. B. BROWN, Boyd.

FOR LEASE—155-acre farm; good house, barns, 10-acre log pasture, plenty of wood and water, \$100 per year, 6 miles southwest of Bridgeport.—A. D. PRICE.

WILL TRADE—H.40 Colt pistol and holster, same as new, for small caliber shotgun.—C. S. PENNINGTON, Decatur, Rte. 4.

FOR SALE—40 tons Sudan grass hay, \$5.00 per ton. Call or write C. E. PAYNE, on H. L. Barber farm 6 miles east of Rhine.

FOR TRADE—2-chair barber shop, 9 lots, all chicken fenced, 4-room house, Deleo light plant, water works and garden. Shop doing fair business; all health reason for change. This is the heart of the irrigated Whita Valley. Want small farm near Decatur.—H. M. SUTER, FIELD, Rte. 2, Iowa Park, Texas.

FOR RENT OR LEASE—3-room house, garden spot and small pasture 4 miles north of Decatur.—H. McGER, Decatur, Rte. 4.

WILL TRADE OR SELL—Two hundred feet 2 in. galvanized second-hand pipe; 125 feet second-hand good wood pulp rod; one second-hand pump stand; will trade for anything of equal value.—CHAS. DAVIS, Rte. 4, Decatur.

TO SWAP—Shed 12 by 22 feet, with iron roof, almost new, will trade for feed, cows or horses.—ELMER CLARK, Rte. 2, 3 miles south of Decatur.

STRAYED—from my place 2 miles west of town, a heifer calf, red with white feet.—WORTH ARNETTE.

FOR TRADE—Good John Deere riding planter, plants cotton, corn or any seed, for milk cow, fresh or will be fresh soon.—MRS. FLOYD CLIFTON, Decatur, Rte. 3.

WILL SWAP—Good Mitchell wagon for milk cow.—J. M. TEAGUE, Rte. 2, Decatur.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Seven-foot New Ideal Deering binder.—S. B. GREER on Decatur-Bridgeport highway.

WANTED—Church organ at Pella. Notify D. I. RAY, Rte. 2, Alvord.

FOR SALE—Oats, 45 cents bushel, 1932 crop.—W. F. THOMPSON, on highway south of Decatur.

FOR TRADE—Sow that will farrow in 60 days, or two good milk cows for cotton seed.—E. C. RICE, Rte. 4, Decatur.

HAVE PLACE FOR RENT—3 miles southwest of Decatur; for rent on 3rd and 4th.—P. H. WOMACK, Rte. 1, Decatur.

FOR TRADE—1926 Ford truck, just been overhauled. What have you?—HERMAN POHL, Decatur, Rte. 4.

FOR TRADE OR SALE—Team of ewes, 1 6-year-old, 1 smooth mouth. Will trade for mules.—HERMAN POHL, Decatur, Rte. 4.

SWAP OR SELL—3 doz. high blood strain White Leghorn pullets and cockrel; some laying. See HERMAN POHL, Rte. 4, Decatur.

250 ACRES LAND—To lease for pasturing.—MRS. J. F. CONLEY, Alvord, Rte. 3, 10 miles north of Decatur.

SWAP—Oak lumber or posts for feed.—NOBLE WARREN, Decatur, Rte. 2.

SELL OR TRADE—Nice home 2 miles north of Decatur; to sell or trade for home in Decatur. Come and see it.—E. M. GAGE, Rte. 3.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—2 mares, to bring colts in spring.—OLAN WHITE, Rte. 3, Decatur.

FOR SALE OR SWAP—1000 chick brooder, for pigs or chickens, or sell for \$5.00 cash.—R. M. ASH, Box 563, Decatur.

TRADE FOR CATTLE—1-ton truck, gear shift, slightly used.—G. W. GRIFFITH, Decatur.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—50 bushels Quila cotton-seed at 35c per bushel.—J. H. BEAN, Decatur, Rte. 4.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—200 bales good Johnson grass hay, 20c per bale.—R. J. RHOTEN, Rte. 1, Paradise.

GOOD HEAVY OATS—Clean and no Johnson grass, 45c per bushel; yellow Dent and Shur-Cropper corn, 65c per bushel; would take some posts in trade.—J. M. McCORMACK, Rte. 2, Rhine, Tex., near McCurdy's store.

TRADE OR SALE—Good 3-year-old seed oats at 45c per bushel, 9 miles east of Decatur.—W. S. PITE.

WANT TO TRADE For or Buy—25 or 30 goats.—JOHN ATKERSON, Rte. 3, Decatur.

FOR TRADE OR SALE—Bay horse mule, 10 years old.—GARLAND SHAW, 3 miles south of Slidell.

FOR SALE—One high grade red Durham bull calf.—ROBT. HOWARD, Rte. 3, Decatur.

WILL RESTOCK Your old gun.—J. R. FINGER, Rte. 2, Decatur.

WILL SWAP—Two red sows; will sell or trade for Brown Leghorn hens.—A. J. HAMILTON, Box 152.

FOR TRADE OR SALE—White-face bull, \$50 takes him away.—P. W. BISHOP, Rte. 1, Krum, 3 miles south of Slidell.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Three 2-year-old full blood Durham bulls.—E. C. CHILDERS, Rte. 4, Decatur.

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FOR TRADE OR SALE—10 head of young Jersey cows, good milkers, will give terms.—GEO. MANX, Bridgeport.

FOR SALE—Shur-Crop corn at 75c per bushel, at the barn; also Yellow Dent and Shur-Crop seed corn, \$1.25 per bushel.—S. T. EASLEY, 4 miles south of Decatur on route 1.

SELL OR SWAP—Kerosene cook stove, five burners with oven attached; Coleman gasoline lamp.—CARAH MONTFORD, 6 miles southwest of Bridgeport.

SELL OR SWAP—Kimball piano, Edison graphophone with a good selection of records; dresser and wardrobe. MRS. NAOMI WATTS, 3 miles northwest of Decatur on Chico road.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1 stalk cutter, 1 riding cultivator seat guide; both in good shape. See B. F. FRASIER, Rte. 1, Decatur.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Fordson tractor and Anthen side double-disc plow; would trade for truck, cattle or mules.—W. D. PEWITT, Paradise, Rte. 2.

FOR SALE OR SWAP—About 20 R. I. red young roosters and pullets of Mayhood strain.—J. H. THOMSEN, Rte. 3, Decatur.

FOR SALE—Brahma pullets and cockerels; or would trade for real good barred rock pullets.—MRS. HOLIS DUNTON, Rte. 4, Decatur, Tex.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Royal Blue cream separator, table size, in good condition.—H. J. REDWINE, Rte. 1, Alvord.

LOST OR STRAYED—Steer yearling with white face, branded R R on right hip.—BEN MONROE, at City Hotel.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Johnson grass hay. See CHAS. F. RAWLE, Decatur, Rte. 1.

TO SWAP—Jersey calves, yearlings or cow, for good mule colt; 1 Jersey bull for red white-face one; want to swap for some white Leghorn pullets.—WILL MEADOR, 5 miles southeast of Decatur on route 2.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Five hundred bushels good last year seed oats; 45 cents per bushel.—See HENRY WALKER.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Good milch cows and thorough Rhode Island red chickens.—Owner, FRANK YOUNG, 2½ miles north of Decatur on new highway.

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